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NSW IS NUMBER ONE FOR VETERANS EMPLOYMENT

The NSW Government is number one for veteran's employment after winning two awards for Leadership in the Recruitment of Veterans and for being the Veterans' Employer of the Year – Public Sector Organisation.

The Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Awards have acknowledged the enormous contribution the NSW Government has made helping veterans find meaningful employment in the civilian workplace.

More than 500 veterans have found jobs in the NSW public sector with the assistance of the Veterans Employment Program (VEP), successfully transitioning their military skills into a variety of civilian roles in the public service.

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott said he was thrilled to see the NSW Government's successful VEP recognised at a national level.

"I am incredibly proud of the Veterans Employment Program, which was the first of its kind in Australia and has since been adopted by Victoria and at the Commonwealth level, helping to secure the future of veterans across the country," Mr Elliott said.

"We made an election commitment in 2015 that 200 veterans would be placed in public sector roles by 2019. We have smashed that target by 162 per cent."

Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans Affairs Daryl Maguire said he was honoured to receive the two awards at the inaugural Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Awards on behalf of the NSW Government.

"These awards celebrate the enormous contribution made by Australian veterans and the businesses which reap the benefits of their unique experience, skills and leadership."

Of the 523 veterans employed by the NSW public sector since the launch of the Veterans Employment Program in 2015, 44 per cent are employed in Justice, 28 per cent in Transport, and 7 per cent in Education.

More information about the Veterans Employment Program can be accessed [here](#).

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